
San José Neighborhoods Commission

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Commission Draft Recommendations

- The Neighborhoods Commission shall be made a permanent advisory body to the Mayor and Council on issues relating to quality of life in San Jose neighborhoods
- The Neighborhoods Commission Annual Work plan will be developed in coordination with, and approved by, the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee.
- The Neighborhoods Commission will not duplicate the mission or work of any existing commission, including the Planning Commission, Library Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, or Historic Landmarks Commission
- The Neighborhoods Commission is not to be another level of review for land use issues

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- The commission will meet 6-10 times a year
- The membership of the commission shall be 3 members from each council district for a total of 30 members(Caucus committee recommendation)-20 members(staff recommendation). Any San Jose resident who meets the legal requirements for serving on a City of San Jose commission may apply for the council district in which they reside.
- The selection process for the commission will be the council district Caucus process established for the pilot.

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- The term for a commissioner will be 2 years, not to exceed 4 consecutive terms
- Election caucuses will alternate by council district every year(Caucus Committee recommendation)-Election caucuses every 2 years across city-no staggered terms(staff recommendation)
- Current commission members will be grandfathered in for one year, with elections to occur in Spring 2012.
- An Annual Report will be made to neighborhood groups in each council district detailing commission activities for that time period.

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- The Conflicts of Interest section of the Political Reform Act of 1974, Amended, will apply to the Neighborhoods Commission. However, commission members will not be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest.
- The commission will continue to attempt to reflect the diversity of the city's geographic and economic interests in its makeup

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- The commission shall develop and maintain a communications model that will monitor and communicate out to city neighborhoods city business and will act as a conduit for communication back to the city council and departments regarding neighborhood concerns
- The City of San Jose will provide staff support for the Neighborhoods Commission